

## Building School-Day Civics into Out-of-School Time Projects

Checklist
☐ Meet with school-day instructional staff to learn about current or upcoming civics lessons
☐ Obtain social studies, history, and civics standards, if applicable
☐ Obtain state curriculum framework for civics
☐ Obtain civics texts or reading materials used during the school day
☐ Participate in ongoing planning and collaboration sessions with school-day teachers
☐ Plan civics projects and activities to complement school-day learning
☐ Find teachers willing to review civics projects or activity plans
☐ Provide teachers, principals, and key administration with evidence of civics learning and achievement in
afterschool
□ Other:

Use this checklist to gather information about school-day civics lessons. Then plan ways to complement (not replicate) the school-day learning by completing the chart below.

School-Day Lesson	Out-of-School Time Project
Topic: Example: Environmental science lesson on water pollution	Project Driving Question:  Example: How can we identify what might be causing water pollution in the stream next to the school?
Learning Standards Addressed: Example: Identify human-made factors that affect water quality	Learning Standards Addressed:  Example: Walk the neighborhood and construct a map showing potential sources of pollution.







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Major classroom lesson or activity: Example: Water testing experiment to check for pollutants	Major project tasks or activities:  Example: Meet with the local Riverkeepers group or municipal water safety department to learn about possible actions the group may take to help reduce pollution in waterways; start a Riverkeepers club.
Assessments (dates and types): Example: Lab report due March 30	Culminating Event:  Example: Plan and hold a community and school education event to inform neighbors about the pollution, gather signatures for a petition in support of stream remediation, and recruit volunteers to participate in regular stream clean-ups.



